



MONROE THIS WEEK

November 6, 2015



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806 West Main Street
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Open 8AM – 5PM, M-F

Appointment Openings

Salary Commission
Library Board

Job Openings

No openings at this time

Events this Week

- 11/10** *City Council Special Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 6PM*
City Council Regular Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
- 11/11** *Veterans Day Assembly, Cornerstone Academy School, 16910 161st Ave SE, 9-9:30AM*
Damar's Veterans Day Freedom Run/Walk 5K, Sky River Park, 10-11:30AM
- 11/14** *Native American Flute Performance with Peter Ali, Monroe Library, All Da*
- 11/14** *MCS Holiday Bazaar, First Baptist Church, 17922 149th ST. SE, 10AM-4PM*

From the Office of Mayor Thomas

To highlight some of the things going on in our community, I am writing this weekly city update, "Monroe This Week." If you have any suggestions or questions regarding "Monroe This Week" or the stories below, please contact me at GThomas@MonroeWa.gov.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas

Be In The Know!

Housing Hope

On October 30, 2015, I had the pleasure of being part of the ribbon cutting for Monroe Family Village. This Housing Hope residential community will provide up to 47 affordable housing units and programs for job training. Thank you to our Councilmembers, School Boardmembers, City staff, former elected officials, Housing Hope, and all partners who helped make this new community come together.

Veterans Day

November 11, 2015, is Veterans Day. Please join me in thanking the men and women of our armed services, who, for their service and their sacrifice, keep us safe at home and abroad. There are services throughout our area to honor our veterans. Please note City Hall will be closed for observance. Veterans Day Events in Monroe:

- Veteran's Day Assembly at Cornerstone Academy School – 9-9:30AM.
- Damar's Veteran's Day Freedom Run/Walk 5k, Sky River Park – 10-11:30AM.

Cold Weather Shelter Opening Soon

The shelter will be open on any night when the temperatures are forecasted to fall below 32 degrees, beginning November 15, 2015, through March 15, 2016.

Call the hotline to confirm the shelter is open. Hotline: 360.453.7622; and it's updated by 2pm daily. The shelter is located at New Hope Fellowship, 1016 W. Main Street.

City of Monroe Year to Date Comparisons

The following are year to date comparisons

Sales Tax Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$2,994,819

'15 to 10/31/15: \$3,359,189

UP \$364,371 or 12.17%

Real Estate Excise Tax

'14 to 10/31/14: \$372,217

'15 to 10/31/15: \$541,149

UP \$168,932 or 45.39%

Lodging Tax Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$53,022

'15 to 10/31/15: \$56,983

UP \$3,961 or 7.47%

Business License Fees

'14 to 10/31/14: \$39,623

'15 to 10/31/15: \$39,523

DOWN \$99 or -0.25%

Building Permit Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$151,913

'15 to 10/31/15: \$256,652

UP \$104,739 or 68.95%

Planning Fee Revenues

'14 to 10/31/14: \$27,580

'15 to 10/31/15: \$59,665

UP \$32,085 or 116.33%

New House Permits

'14 to 10/31/14: 14

'15 to 10/31/15: 51

UP 37 units or 264%

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'14 to 10/31/14: 44 units

'15 to 10/31/15: 4 units

DOWN 40 units or -91%

Building Division Inspections

'14 to 10/31/14: 1,336

'15 to 10/31/15: 1,461

UP 125 or 9.4%

Sky Valley Food Bank

The Sky Valley Food Bank is gearing up for their holiday distribution. During this time, they can serve around 450 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are in need of turkeys, chickens, and hams. They will also accept funds to purchase these items. Please think about donating to help families in the Monroe community. For more information please visit: <https://www.svfoodbank.org>.

Salvation Army Donation Box

Ever wonder what that Salvation Army donation box is for on your utility bill? The City has a program for neighbors to help neighbors with their utility bills. Add a donation to your utility payment, and notate it on the Salvation Army box. This donation will be sent directly to the Salvation Army for use exclusively for Monroe utility customers who need help. When customers cannot pay their utility bills, the City refers them to the Salvation Army who will use these donations to help cover the bills of those in need.

Thank You!

Thank you volunteers!

A big THANK YOU to the hard working volunteers at the Julie V. Morris (JVM) Community Garden, who harvested a record 4,506 pounds of fresh-grown vegetables; topping last year's output by 1,500 pounds! All of the produce grown at the JVM Community Garden goes directly to the Sky Valley Food Bank for distribution to community members in need.

Thank you Trout Unlimited!

THANK YOU to volunteer members of the Sky Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, who have committed their organization to implement and monitor the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife's (WDFW) new Monofilament Fishing Line Recovery and Recycling Program at our parks which provide fishing opportunities. The program consists of volunteer installation/monitoring of monofilament fishing line recycle bins and proper disposal of recycled fishing line, and aims to keep fishing line out of the natural environment for the safety of wildlife. Fishing line recycle bins have recently been installed at Lake Tye Park, the WDFW Lewis Street Boat Launch and Al Borlin Park.